

Today's Topics:

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We need news!
Westnet

Date: 22 Dec 89 14:28:49 GMT

From: n8emr!gws@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Gary Sanders)

Subject: ARRL DX NR 51

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DX BULLETIN 51 ARLD051
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT
DECEMBER 22, 1989
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

THANKS TO BOB, WB2CJL, AND THE WESTERN NEW YORK DX ASSOCIATION FOR
THE FOLLOWING DX INFORMATION.

DXCC NEWS. THE ARRL AWARDS COMMITTEE HAS ACCEPTED THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DXAC TO ADD CONWAY, 3D2, AND BANABA, T33, TO
THE DXCC COUNTRIES LIST. QSLs MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR CONWAY AND
BANABA CREDITS ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 1990. CARDS SUBMITTED BEFORE
THAT DATE WILL BE RETURNED WITH NO ACTION. SEE FEBRUARY QST FOR
FURTHER DETAILS.

LAOS. XW8DX AND XW8CW CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE. THIS OPERATION WILL
QRT DECEMBER 27. XW8KPL IS STILL ACTIVE, MOSTLY ON LIST TYPE
OPERATIONS. A JAPANESE OPERATION HEADED BY JA1UT IS SCHEDULED
BETWEEN DECEMBER 27 AND 29.

SPRATLY. THE HA OPERATORS OF XW FAME HAVE SCRUBBED THEIR PLANS TO
ACTIVATE SPRATLY.

BOUVET. THE LA GROUP IS WELL ON THEIR WAY. PLANS ARE TO BE QRV
STARTING DECEMBER 26 AS 3Y5X FOR APPROXIMATELY 23 DAYS.

MALDIVE ISLANDS. F6EEM AND F6FYP WILL BE ACTIVE JANUARY 11 TO 17. PLANS CALL FOR 80 THROUGH 10 METER CW AND SSB. QSL VIA THE FRENCH DX FOUNDATION.

BURKINA FASO. LLOYD AND IRIS COLVIN CONTINUE AS XT2KG WITH PLANS TO BE ACTIVE NEXT FROM BAHRAIN, A9. AT THIS TIME IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER A9 REGULATIONS WILL ALLOW IRIS, A YL, TO OPERATE FROM BAHRAIN. THEIR NEXT STOP WILL BE ALGERIA.

SAINT VINCENT. VE3CPU WILL BE ACTIVE FOR A MONTH BEGINNING DECEMBER 30. HE WILL BE ON 160 THROUGH 6 METERS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CW. QSL TO HIS HOME CALL.

OGASAWARA. JA3EMU WILL SIGN /JD1 FROM DECEMBER 31 THROUGH JANUARY 8. ACTIVITY WILL BE ON CW, SSB AND RTTY ON 160 THROUGH 10 METERS, WITH WARC BANDS AS A BONUS.

GLORIOSO. FR5AI/G IS NOW QRT. HE WAS NOT AS ACTIVE AS MOST DXERS WOULD HAVE LIKED. THE NEXT OPERATION WILL BE FR5AI/J IN MAY AND FR45I/E IN OCTOBER.

WILLIS ISLAND. VK9TR IS ACTIVE IN A LIST OPERATION ON 14226 KHZ FRIDAYS AROUND 1100Z. TREVOR SHOULD BE ACTIVE FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR SO. QSL VIA VK5FG, THE CALLSIGN OF HIS LATE FATHER, SO DO NOT BE ALARMED TO SEE IT LISTED AS A SILENT KEY.

BRUNEI. V85DA, OPERATED BY VK1DA, WILL BE ACTIVE FOR ABOUT ANOTHER YEAR. HE LIKES 14027 OR 7002 KHZ AROUND 2200Z AND ALSO OPERATES SIX METERS BEAMING TOWARDS WESTERN NORTH AMERICA.

ZIMBABWE. WATCH FOR ANOTHER OPERATION BY DF3EC SIGNING /Z2. PLANS ARE FOR CW ONLY AROUND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. QSL HIS HOME CALL. AR

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Date: 22 Dec 89 16:44:27 GMT
From: hpfcso!hpfcdc!perry@hplabs.hp.com (Perry Scott)
Subject: Packet compression, what issue?
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Perhaps we can conform to the spirit of the law by adopting public conventions

for compressed files. The "Z" convention for Lempel-Ziv UNIX(tm) files makes the "cipher" readable by anyone.

I recall passages in the FCC regs about having the key available at your station for decrypting, and making it available upon request from the FCC. Maybe that was back in 1975 and the rules have changed.

I think one of the contributions of Amateur Radio in this area is to squeeze more out of RF data networks. So, it is within our charter to request the FCC to relax the cipher rule so it doesn't apply to simple compression for transmission purposes.

Perry Scott
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Date: 22 Dec 89 14:00:19 GMT
From: attcan!utgpu!utzoo!dciem!tim@uunet.uu.net (Tim Pointing)
Subject: Portable scanner review - Uniden/Bearcat 200XLT
Message-ID: <2778@dciem.dciem.dnd.ca>

In article <5878@cps3xx.UUCP> hendrick@frith.UUCP (Kenneth J. Hendrickson) writes:
>In article <12257@cbnewse.ATT.COM> parnass@cbnewse.ATT.COM (Bob Parnass, AJ9S)
writes:

>> UNIDEN/BEARCAT 200XLT SCANNER REVIEW
>> by Bob Parnass, AJ9S
>
>Bob:
> Exactly what frequencies/bands does this scanner cover?
>[Otherwise - an excellent review. Thank you.]

My info for this scanner lists the coverage as:

10M Ham	29.0 - 29.7MHz	High Band	148 - 174MHz
Low Band	29.7 - 50.0MHz	Federal Gov't	406 - 420MHz
6M Ham	50.0 - 54.0MHz	70cm Ham	420 - 450MHz
Aircraft	118 - 136 MHz	UHF Band	450 - 470MHz
Military Land		'T' Band	470 - 512MHz
Mobile	136 - 144 MHz	800MHz Band	806 - 956MHz
2M Ham	144 - 148 MHz		

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Tim Pointing, DCIEM
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Date: 23 Dec 89 14:52:09 GMT
From: portal!cup.portal.com!dbland@uunet.uu.net (DEIL CLAYTON BLAND)
Subject: Pro-2004 Repairs
Message-ID: <25301@cup.portal.com>

A couple of weeks ago my Realistic Pro-2004 scanner died on me and I took it to my local Radio Shack dealer for repair. The repair center returned it to the dealer, still dead, with the notation on the service invoice "linear board not available". This radio is unfortunately out of warranty.

Does anyone besides Radio Shack repair these units or am I stuck with a \$400 doorstop? Any info would be most appreciated.

Deil Bland

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Date: 23 Dec 89 00:49:34 GMT
From: asuvax!stjhmc!f1.n234.z1.fidonet.org!Jim.Grubs@handies.ucar.edu (Jim Grubs)
Subject: Re: ARRL and tx/rx mods
Message-ID: <10004.2592D35B@stjhmc.fidonet.org>

- > From: perry@hpfcdc.HP.COM (Perry Scott)
- > I recant. I said Marine VHF, and what you say is true. That band
- > requires
- > type acceptance.
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- > However, CAP other para-military frequencies are well within the
- > capabilities of most 2-meter rigs. I've been told that most military
- > bands do not need the type acceptance.
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- > Funny how the government treats itself and commercial interests
- > differently.

This is a remnant of the old theory of law, "The king is never wrong unless HE says so!" Besides, who'd enforce any rules anyway?

Merry Christmas

73 de Jim Grubs, W8GRT

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Uucp: ...{gatech,ames,rutgers}!ncar!asuvax!stjhmc!234!1!Jim.Grubs
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Date: 21 Dec 89 23:21:38 GMT
From: mcsun!chx400!fatcat!acadch!impch!subch!insider@uunet.uu.net (Insider
Computer Club)
Subject: We need news!
Message-ID: <166@subch.imp.com>

We, a small group of computer enthusiasts are providing (besides our normal work) an electronic news and information system in Switzerland (Basel). It is necessary for us to get information. Although we already are supported by more than 200 companies in Switzerland, we would also like to get information from all over the world.

Because we haven't got the financial possibilities of a big computer-magazine or newspaper, we try to establish connections through this network.

We are looking out for:

- press-releases and brochures from computer companies, concerning new products, statements, ideas, company-internals and -profiles
- things about computer going on in other countries
- people, who would like to write articles for us from time to time
- people we could or should contact for news on MS-Dos, Unix, Apple or whatever
- people, who want to have something published in the swiss press
- ...

All information and requests may be sent to us in various ways:

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Thanks for your support.

Greetings, Dave, Editor.

Date: 22 Dec 89 19:44:18 GMT
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Subject: Westnet
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Las Cumbres ARC on 145.45 runs Westnet.
I think it is on Monday nights after the
7.30 P.M. net.

It also runs on WB6ADZ 146.115 but I forget
the time.
Brian, N6RSW

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